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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Finzel et al.)
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For: HEPATITIS C VIRUS HELICASE CRYSTALS, CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC
STRUCTURE AND METHODS)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

--In another aspect, the present invention provides a computer-assisted method for identifying, designing, and making inhibitors of Hepatitis C virus helicase activity. Preferably the invention provides compositions, more preferably pharmaceutical compositions, including such inhibitors.--